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## CLOSED AREAS IN GULF EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE (EEZ) REMAIN IN EFFECT THROUGH JUNE 16, 2004

NOAA Fisheries confirms that areas in the Gulf EEZ known as Madison and Swanson Sites and Steamboat Lumps remain closed to the recreational and commercial fishing for any species of fish (except highly migratory species), mollusks, crustaceans, and all other forms of marine animal and plant life, through June 16, 2004. Litigation over these closures is now concluded. Trolling is only allowed in the closed areas for all Atlantic highly migratory species including tuna species, marlin (*Tetrapturus spp.* and *Makaira spp.*), oceanic sharks, sailfishes (*Istiophorus spp.*), and swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*)

The boundaries of the two closed areas are as follows:

The Madison and Swanson sites are bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following points:

Point	North lat.	West long.
A.....	29 deg.17'	85 deg.50'
B.....	29 deg.17'	85 deg.38'
C.....	29 deg.06'	85 deg.38'
D.....	29 deg.06'	85 deg.50'
A.....	29 deg.17'	85 deg.50'

Steamboat Lumps is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following points:

Point	North lat.	West long.
A.....	28 deg.14'	84 deg.48'
B.....	28 deg.14'	84 deg.37'
C.....	28 deg.03'	84 deg.37'
D.....	28 deg.03'	84 deg.48'
A.....	28 deg.14'	84 deg.48'

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